

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace the previous version, and the listing of claims:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) An attaching device for attaching a part member to an attaching portion of a band, comprising:

a first part having a first base portion, a flat surface portion on the first base portion, and two rigid solid projections spaced apart from each other with the flat surface portion therebetween without a protrusion, said solid projections projecting and extending outwardly from the flat surface portion of the first base portion and extending throughout an entire length thereof along a longitudinal direction of the first part,

a second part assembled with the first part for forming a gap therebetween to sandwich the attaching portion of the band therein, said second part having a second base portion, and pressing portions formed in the second base portion to be spaced apart from each other and elastically projecting outwardly from the second base portion so that when the first and second parts are assembled, the pressing portions are located immediately above the solid projections for elastically pressing the attaching portion of the band ~~between~~ on to the solid projections ~~and the pressing portions~~, and

engaging means ~~attached to~~ formed with the first and second parts for engaging the same.

13. (previously presented) An attaching device according to claim 12, wherein said second base portion includes slits to define wings

therein, said wings projecting from an inner surface of the base portion as the pressing portions.

14. (currently amended) An ~~Attaching~~ attaching device according to claim 13, wherein said second part further includes reinforcing portions formed on the second base portion at longitudinal ends thereof to extend perpendicular to a longitudinal direction thereof, and a wall for connecting the reinforcing portions between the pressing portions, said reinforcing portions and said wall being integrally formed with the second part as one unit.

15. (previously presented) An attaching device according to claim 12, wherein said first part further includes first walls outside the solid projections having first engaging means, and said second part further includes second walls outside the pressing portions having second engaging means, said first and second engaging means engaging together when the first and second parts are assembled together.

16. (previously presented) An attaching device according to claim 12, wherein said first and second parts are formed separately.

17. (previously presented) An attaching device according to claim 12, wherein said first and second parts are integrated together with a hinge portion therebetween so that the first part rotates relative to the second part around the hinge portion.

18. (previously presented) An attaching device according to claim 12, further comprising a part engaging portion attached to the first part.

19. (previously presented) An attaching system for attaching a part member to a fuel tank, comprising a fuel tank band to be fixed to the fuel tank and having an attaching portion, and the attaching device according to claim 12.

20. (previously presented) An attaching system according to claim 19, wherein said fuel tank band has a cross section different from that of the attaching portion at a portion other than the attaching position.

21. (new) An attaching device according to claim 15, wherein said first walls project from the first base portion substantially parallel to the solid projections, at least one of the first walls having an engaging claw, as the first engaging means, in a middle portion thereof defined by slits on the first wall.

22. (new) An attaching device according to claim 21, wherein at least one of said second walls has an engaging hole, as the second engaging means, engaging the engaging claw.